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Residents offer views

Tempe residents have voiced their opinions on everything from parks and police service to facilities and streets. Results from the city's 2013 Community Attitude Survey are in and community members are invited to view the data at www.tempe.gov/residentsurvey.

The survey was mailed in November by Kansas-based ETC Institute to 2,400 households; 888 responses were received. That level of participation is enough to provide a statistically valid sample that can be extrapolated to generally reflect the viewpoints of all residents.

Each year, the survey serves as a tool to assist the City Council and city staff in setting priorities, dedicating resources and determining ways to improve service.

The survey showed high satisfaction ratings in many areas, such as overall quality of life, the quality of the Tempe Public Library and Tempe Center for the Arts, and efforts to promote diversity and inclusiveness. It also showed areas that could be improved, such as decreases in satisfaction in the condition of alleys, bulk trash pickup service and residential trash and recycling collection.

As always, residents are encouraged to connect with the city to make service requests, ask questions or provide feedback. Tempe 311 serves as a central point of contact by phone (480-350-4311), online (www.tempe.gov/tempe311) or via email (tempe311@tempe.gov).

Neighborhood Workshop and Awards



Chuck Malpede Neighbor of the Year honorees Gretchen Reinhardt and family, with the Mayor and Councilmembers

At the April 5 Neighborhood Workshop and Awards, residents joined the Mayor and City Council at the Tempe History Museum to recognize community members who help foster connected, beautiful neighborhoods.

Mayor Mark Mitchell delivered his inaugural State of the Neighborhoods address at the event. Several workshops also allowed neighbors to meet and interact, while learning new information about topics related to neighborhood character. During the awards portion of the event, several residents were honored:

- **Raul Puente and Gretchen Reinhardt and Family** – Chuck Malpede Neighbor of the Year.
- **Robin Todd** – Neighbor of the Year.
- **Jim Beal, Adolfo and Irene Echeveste, and Wayne and Erma Shelton** – Neighbor of the Year Award Honorable Mentions
- **Escalante Community Garden** – Golden Shovel Award
- **Bill Tonnesen/Ninth Street Duplex** – Golden Rake Award
- **Brett Carr, Todd and Joy Genter, Dave and Koko Hausman, Dan Otis and Vena Lahn, Tina Smith, and Chad and Whitney Wilkinson** – Property Beautification Award Honorable Mentions
- **Byron Sabatino** – Alley Upkeep Award Honorable Mention

To watch the Mayor's State of the Neighborhoods address and highlights from the event, visit www.tempe.gov/tempe11 and look under "Special Programming." Or check the same webpage for the Tempe 11 Program Guide to find out when the speech will air on Tempe 11.

For more information about the resources available through the city's Neighborhood Services Division, call 480-350-8234, email neighborhoods@tempe.gov or visit www.tempe.gov/neighborhoods.



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City Council to hold property tax hearings in June

In June, the City Council will hold its customary two public hearings to consider establishing a new property tax levy for the 2014-15 fiscal year that begins July 1.

The Council will consider a staff proposal to increase the total levy on existing properties by 1.8 percent, which is the same as the increase in inflation, according to the Consumer Price Index, West Region. The hearings will be held during the 7:30 p.m. Regular Council Meetings on June 12 and June 26, in the City Council Chambers at 31 E. Fifth St.

The proposal adheres to the Council policy set in 2011 to keep the total property tax bill – also known as the property tax levy – on existing properties relatively constant from year to year. The policy mandates that the city cannot increase the annual levy on existing properties by more than the Consumer Price Index rate of inflation. This allows the city to have a predictable pool of funds for debt repayment and new capital projects such as building repairs and construction.

The city's portion of secondary property taxes are used by the city to repay bonds that fund repair and construction projects in what is known as the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The CIP contains maintenance and construction projects related to streets, parks and city facilities, along with equipment purchases and more.

About 18 percent of a Tempe property owner's total property tax payment goes to the City of Tempe – the rest goes to school districts and other taxing entities.

If the levy changes as recommended, the City of Tempe portion of the property tax bill on a median-value home will increase in 2014-15 from what it was in 2013-14. That's because residential valuations have increased and at a faster rate than commercial valuations. In 2013-14, the Maricopa County Assessor's Office valued the median Tempe single-family home at \$107,300, so the city's property tax on that home is \$266.98 at the current rate of \$2.488 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

In 2014-15, the value of the median single-family home in Tempe will increase to \$128,300. So the city's property tax on the median home next year will increase to \$312.41 if the rate is set at \$2.435. Residents should note that their own tax bills could increase or decrease based on the assessed values assigned to their specific properties by the Maricopa County Assessor's Office. The city does not have a part in setting valuations. Property owners who wish to contest their valuations are advised to contact the county.

For more details on the formulation of the 2014-15 operating and CIP budgets, visit www.tempe.gov/budgetplan.



Your voice can travel: Help Tempe update its Transportation Master Plan

Tempe wants your thoughts on the future of the city's transportation system including how we move people and what our streets look like as we begin the process of updating the Transportation Master Plan.

A series of public meetings are planned for late May and early August. The meetings will help familiarize you with current and proposed projects and encourage the Tempe community in the creation of a shared vision for the plan. The meetings will cover topics related to:

- Preparation of the Tempe Transportation Master Plan including existing conditions (demographics, traffic, transit, and bicycle/pedestrian);
- Tempe's proposed arterial roadway, bike, pedestrian and transit priority corridors;
- Changes to Tempe's street cross-sections;
- Tempe's short- and long-term future street, bicycle and pedestrian networks;
- Tempe's short- and long-term future bus service plan;
- Neighborhood corridors and character area circulation needs; and
- Areas for traffic calming and/or streetscape improvements

Meetings will be held:

- **Thursday, May 29, from 6-8 p.m.**, at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave.
- **Saturday, May 31, from 9-11 a.m.**, at the Tempe Transportation Center, Don Cassano Community Room, 200 E. Fifth St.
- **Week of Aug. 4**, exact day and time to be determined, at the Tempe History Museum
- **Saturday, Aug. 9, from 9-11 a.m.**, at the Tempe Transportation Center, Don Cassano Community Room

Residents are also encouraged to participate online from May 1 to June 15 by visiting www.tempe.gov/forum and leaving feedback.

Overall, the focus of the plan is to get visitors to Tempe and residents to their varied destinations while reducing single occupancy vehicle trips. The current transportation plan can be found at www.tempe.gov/transportationplan.

For more information, contact Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services, at 480-350-8883 or shauna_warner@tempe.gov.

July 4th Festival tickets go on sale June 2!

www.tempe4th.com



Swim, splash and beat the heat this summer in Tempe

Don't sweat the summer! Keep your family entertained and beat the heat at Tempe's affordable and fun pools and splash playground:

- Kiwanis Wave Pool is now open on weekends and, beginning May 26, the pool's 3-foot waves will return daily. Throughout the season, Kiwanis offers special theme days and deals. For a full schedule and special offers, visit www.tempe.gov/waves.
- The Splash Playground at Tempe Beach Park, a 1-acre splash playground with water features and toys, will open this month. Admission is free. Neighborhood spray pads, conveniently located at Esquer, Jaycee and Hudson parks, will also open in May.
- The Escalante Community Center outdoor swimming pool is another great way to cool off this summer. Opening Memorial Day weekend, the pool features a six-lane lap pool, zero-depth entry play pool with play equipment, and two slides.

Visit www.tempe.gov/pools for pool hours and special events.

Help keep our pools and splash playgrounds clean this summer

These simple hygiene guidelines provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention can help ensure a fun and healthy summer swim season for you and your entire family:

- Adults and children who are sick or have recently been ill should avoid public pool facilities.
- Children not yet potty trained should wear plastic pants or swim diapers.
- Children should take several restroom breaks throughout the visit.
- Visitors should not swallow the water in the pools or splash playgrounds.

Swim lessons teach vital skills

Swimmers of all ages can find the right lessons for them at Kiwanis Recreation Center and Escalante Community Center. Teaching children to swim is important as drowning is one of the leading causes of death for children under the age of four in Arizona. Children as young as 8 months old can learn to swim in parent-assisted lessons. Lessons are also available for adults of all skill levels. Visit www.tempe.gov/brochure to view a schedule and to register.

Eat, play and grow healthy at Wild Wednesdays

Through crafts, stories, music, motion and nibbles of nutritious snacks, Tempe History Museum will teach kids the essential facts and simple strategies that make healthy eating choices easy. Eat, Play and Grow Healthy is the theme of the museum's annual summer Wild Wednesdays program. Each week will feature the importance of making positive choices in nutrition, exercise and sleep. Whole Foods Tempe will participate each week with snacks and products that match up to the lessons. The weekly program is based on curriculum developed by the Children's Museum of Manhattan and funded in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in partnership with the National Institutes of Health. Best of all, it's free.

Wild Wednesdays take place every Wednesday from June 11 through July 30 during museum hours. Tempe History Museum is located at 809 E. Southern Ave. Admission is always free. For hours, visit www.tempe.gov/museum or call 480-350-5100.

National CPR Awareness Week begins June 1

June 1 kicks off Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Awareness Week in Tempe. The purpose of CPR Awareness Week is to educate and promote the lifesaving skill of knowing CPR.

Sudden cardiac arrest can strike anyone at any time. A victim's survival depends on the people around them. CPR doubles or triples survival rates for those suffering sudden cardiac arrest. Training more people to perform CPR increases survival by enabling bystanders to handle emergencies.

For more information and where to sign up for CPR classes, visit www.tempe.gov/fire.



Totally Tempe Thursdays make Summer Reading Program even more fun

The free Summer Reading Program at the Tempe Public Library runs May 29 through July 26. Designed especially to help kids retain reading skills during summer break, readers of all ages can sign up and win prizes for reading.

Register at www.tempe.gov/summerreading. Adults and teens read four books for the program. Kids under 12 track reading by time instead of quantity of books read. Parents with preschoolers participate by filling out activity sheets. Everyone has a chance to win free books, movie tickets, Tempe Town Lake July 4th tickets and more.

The library will host Totally Tempe Thursdays each week during the program. A local author and an entertainer will visit at 1:30 and 2 p.m. weekly. Kids can make and take home a free craft project afterward. Registration is not required and Totally Tempe Thursday is free to everyone. Totally Tempe Thursdays starts June 5 at 1:30 p.m.

Tempe Public Library is located at 3500 S. Rural Road. Get more information about the library at www.tempe.gov/library or like the library on Facebook at www.facebook.com/tempepubliclibrary.

Calendar

This is the tentative May/June schedule for Tempe City Council meetings.

May 8, 2014

6 p.m., Issue Review Session
7:30 p.m., Regular Council Meeting

May 19, 2014

4 p.m., Committee of the Whole

May 22, 2014

6 p.m., Issue Review Session
7:30 p.m., Regular Council Meeting

June 12, 2014

6 p.m., Issue Review Session
7:30 p.m., Regular Council Meeting

June 16, 2014

4 p.m., Committee of the Whole

June 26, 2014

6 p.m., Issue Review Session
7:30 p.m., Regular Council Meeting

Agendas are posted 24 hours before each meeting outside the Council Chambers and on the second floor of City Hall. Meetings are subject to change. Confirm dates, times and locations with the City Clerk's Office, 480-350-8241 or at www.tempe.gov/clerk.

Meetings are aired live on Tempe 11 and www.tempe.gov/tempe11.

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News you can use

Temporary Town Lake path detour near Tempe Center for the Arts

Through this summer, the path on the south bank of Tempe Town Lake in front of Tempe Center for the Arts will be impacted by the relocation of a stormwater line related to the western dam replacement project. While there may be detours along this portion of the path, it is expected that access to the Town Lake Pedestrian Bridge will be maintained. Tempe has created a video explaining the western dam replacement project – check it out at <http://bit.ly/1iwqNKr>.

June meetings continue planning efforts for two Character Areas

Participants in the ongoing process to define and plan for the future in the Corona/South Tempe and Kiwanis/The Lakes Character Areas should be advised of two upcoming meetings in June.

Tempe has created eight character areas that represent the unique personalities of particular geographic parts of the city. The City Council and staff are working closely with each area's stakeholders to develop a vision that celebrates current assets and plans for future needs. Between 2014 and 2018, the city will focus on two areas per year.

Stakeholders in the Kiwanis/The Lakes Character Area will meet Monday, June 2, at 6:30 p.m., at Aguilar Elementary School, 5800 S. Forest Ave. Those interested in the Corona/South Tempe Character Area will meet Thursday, June 5, at 6:30 p.m., at Arizona Community Church, 9325 S. Rural Road. Both meetings will focus on the next step in the process, which is a vision and character attributes analysis. For more information on Character Areas, visit www.tempe.gov/characterareas.

Summer hours for the Tempe Community Market

The Tempe Community Market, located at 620 N. Mill Ave., under the Loop 202 overpass, opened in March. The market features the locally-grown produce and handmade food products from dozens of local farmers and artisans. Check out the freshest fruits and vegetables alongside tasty honey, preserves, specialty oils and more. Beginning June 8, Sunday hours will be 8 a.m. to noon. The market is closed May 4 and May 18. For more information, call Cindy Gentry at 602-469-9400 or follow the market on Facebook at www.facebook.com/tempemarket.

'Earthbound Misfit' Jerry Foster comes to Tempe Public Library

Jerry Foster, a pioneer in the field of news helicopter reporting, shares his stories and his new book *Earthbound Misfit* at the Tempe Public Library at 2 p.m., May 10.

Very often, instead of just reporting the story, Foster was the story. From rescuing stranded motorists in floods to covering evening rush hour traffic, Foster entertained those watching TV news in the greater Phoenix area. The book also discusses his fall from grace and his years of reclusiveness, before venturing out into the world of Facebook and discovering that he was still loved by many.

This event is free to attend. No registration is required. Get more information at www.tempe.gov/library or call 480 350-5500. The library is located at 3500 S. Rural Road.

School registration continues in June

Tempe Elementary School District staff will register kindergarten through eighth grade students for the 2014-15 school year at the Sanchez Administration Center during the summer. Registration is available Monday through Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m. from June 2 to July 9. The Sanchez Administration Building is located at 3205 S. Rural Road. Registration will resume at school offices on July 16. For more information about enrollment, call 480-730-7480 or visit www.tempeschools.org/enroll.

Summer driving academy

Get certified for a learner's permit or driver's license in one convenient course! Students can sign up for a 30-hour Driver Education course, three or six hours of Behind the Wheel instruction, or both. Two class options are available during June. For more information, visit www.tiny.cc/tempeunion and click "Community Education Driver Education" or email Monika Gutierrez at mgutierrez@tempeunion.org.

Sparky license plate program turns 25 with museum exhibit

The ASU Alumni Association is celebrating 25 years of the ASU collegiate "Sparky" license plate program with the installation of an exhibit at the Tempe History Museum.

The program was created when Governor Rose Mofford signed legislation in June 1988 creating a collegiate license plate program for Arizona's three state universities. Sparky license plate sales began in 1989, and since that time, the ASU license plate has served as the main funding source for Medallion Scholars. The ASU Alumni Association then established the Medallion Scholarship Program as its signature scholarship initiative and incorporated components of leadership, scholarship and service.

The Medallion scholars at ASU participate in a comprehensive four-year scholarship program that involves mentoring, community service and academic achievement. Medallion Scholars receive four-year, renewable scholarships of \$3,000 annually. In return they participate in a mentorship program, contribute volunteer hours to the Alumni Association, maintain a satisfactory grade point average, and remain in good standing as an ASU undergraduate.

The exhibit highlights key moments in the Sparky license plate program and the program's growth over the years. Currently, more than 15,000 Arizona vehicles feature the ASU collegiate plates, and during the most recent academic year, Medallion scholars collectively received more than \$300,000 in assistance from the program.

For more information on the Sparky license plate program, visit <https://alumni.asu.edu/services/sparky-plates>.

Arizona's first Poet Laureate reads his work at Tempe Public Library

Arizona's first Poet Laureate, Alberto Rios, will speak at the Tempe Public Library at 6 p.m. on June 24. The purpose of the Poet Laureate post is to champion the art of American poetry, inspire an emerging generation of literary artists and educate Arizonans of all ages about the countless writers who have positively influenced our state. Rios will serve a term of two years. Rios is a tenured professor at Arizona State University. Born in 1952 in Nogales, Arizona, Rios is the author of 10 books, including poetry, short story collections and a memoir. This event is free. No registration is required. Get more information at www.tempe.gov/library or call 480-350-5500. The library is located at 3500 S. Rural Road.

With the heat comes monsoon season

Often striking suddenly, monsoons cause flash floods, lightning, strong winds, dust storms and hail. Lasting from about June 15 until Sept. 30, monsoons are a weather condition of extreme heat followed by increased moisture leading to daily rounds of thunderstorms.

Dust storms and flash floods caused by the monsoon contribute to numerous car accidents. Motorists should not ignore warning signs and barricades because they can get trapped in flooded washes causing expensive and dangerous rescue operations by emergency personnel.

In addition, strong winds destroy roofs, knock down utility poles and create power outages. You should never touch a downed power line. If you hear thunder, you are close enough to the storm and could be struck by lightning. The safest locations during a monsoon storm are sturdy buildings and metal topped vehicles. Do not stay in open areas or under trees.

To prepare at home, make a safety kit containing a flashlight, battery-powered radio, food and water, first-aid supplies, clothing, bedding, an extra set of car keys and money. Don't forget special items for family members such as diapers, baby formula, prescriptions, eyeglasses, hearing aids and pet supplies.

The best way to prevent damage to flat roofs during storms is to keep drains clear of debris. During the monsoon season each year, several Tempe homes and businesses with flat roofs experience collapses that result in thousands of dollars in damage. Flat roofs on businesses and homes depend on a clean and unobstructed drainage system. Over time, these roof drains become clogged with debris that should be removed prior to the monsoon rains. This simple maintenance practice prevents major damage to structures, saves lives and allows for uninterrupted business activities.

For more information, visit www.ready.gov to get tips for 72-hour preparedness.

Author Virgil Alexander shares *Saints and Sinners*

Virgil Alexander treats Tempe Public Library patrons to a discussion about writing and his second fiction novel at 6:30 p.m. on June 12. *Saints and Sinners* is about a lovely and musically gifted teenage girl in a small village of Northern Sonora, Mexico, who begins to sing in services at the small village church. Her singing moves those who hear her to make changes for the good and that poses problems for a local drug cartel. This event is free to attend. No registration is required. Get more information at www.tempe.gov/library or call 480 350-5500. The library is located at 3500 S. Rural Road.

Refresh your memory about water safety

June is Water Safety Month in Tempe. The Tempe Fire Department wants to remind people that drowning can happen in an instant and not just in swimming pools. It can happen in canals, lakes, spas or bathtubs. Drowning prevention experts stress that layers of protection are key. Those layers include vigilant parents, pool fences with gates that self-latch, alarms and not drinking alcohol when swimming.

Too often people say “I only left for a second.” Sadly, just a few seconds is all it takes for a child to drown. Drowning is one of the leading causes of death for children under the age of four in Arizona. Most children drown in their own pools, but children also drown in buckets, toilets, bathtubs, fish tanks, and ponds. And it only takes two inches of water for a child to drown. Near drowning is also very tragic and can cause permanent brain damage. Adults often drown in spas and pools with alcohol consumption being a factor.

Drowning and near drowning can be prevented:

- Never leave a child unattended in or near a lake/canal, swimming pool, hot tub/spa, bathtub, toilet or bucket of water.
- Maintain constant eye-to-eye supervision when a child is in or around water.
- Keep toys, tricycles and other play items away from the pool or spa. Keep tables, chairs and ladders away from pool fences.
- Don't consider your children to be “drown-proof” because they have taken swimming lessons or because they are wearing/using flotation devices.
- Make sure your pool or spa has an effective barrier, such as a fence, wall, or locked gate that helps to guard against unauthorized access.
- Gates should have self-closing, self-latching mechanisms. Latches need to be out of reach of young children. Check placement of doggie doors for direct access to pool area.
- Mount lifesaving devices near the pool.
- Always empty any bucket when it is not in use. Five-gallon industrial buckets are constructed of heavy, rigid plastic and pose a threat to young children. The large size and heavy construction of the bucket, as well as a child's center of gravity and underdeveloped coordination, make it difficult for a child to get out of the bucket.
- Children must be supervised while bathing. Leaving a child in charge of a younger sibling is not acceptable. Many tragedies occur when the child is left alone in the tub for “just a few seconds.” Immediately empty the bathtub once the bath is finished.
- Children have also been known to drown in toilets. Because of a toddler's head and body weight distribution, the child that reaches into the toilet and falls in head first may not have the strength to escape. Safety latches for toilet seats are recommended.

For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/fire.

Two Videos:



Avoid getting overheated this summer

Each year the Tempe Fire Department responds to a number of medical calls related to the effects Arizona's high temperatures. People suffer heat-related illness when body temperatures become overloaded. The body normally cools itself by sweating, but under some conditions, sweating isn't enough. In such cases, body temperature rises rapidly. Very high body temperatures may damage the brain or other vital organs.

To help avoid heat-related illnesses, remember these warm weather tips:

- Drink two to four glasses of cool liquid like fruit juice each hour during heavy exercise
- Avoid very cold beverages because they can cause stomach cramps
- Avoid drinks that contain alcohol
- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing
- Wear a wide-brimmed hat
- Apply sunscreen that is SPF 15 or higher 30 minutes before going outdoors
- Avoid hot foods and heavy meals as they add heat to your body
- Do not leave infants, children or pets in a parked car
- Dress infants and children in cool, loose clothing and shade their heads and faces with a hat
- Limit sun exposure during the mid-day hours

Tempe Cares cleans up

Tempe Cares, the one-day community care project devoted to cleaning up Tempe's neighborhoods, schools and parks, cleaned and cut a stretch of the 13-acre LoPiano Mesquite Bosque on March 8 with more than 130 volunteers.

The event drew smaller crowds when heavy rains forced a date change from March 1 to March 8 for the safety of volunteers. Even with half the amount of expected volunteers, the entire planned project was completed.

Take some time this hiking season to see Tempe Cares' work personally by visiting LoPiano Mesquite Bosque on the north side of the Loop 202 between College and Mill avenues, just south of the Indian Bed Pump Ditch and Papago Park. Constructed in 1993 by volunteers from 26 schools, the bosque offers trails for pedestrians, mountain bike enthusiasts and horseback riders in a mostly-untouched natural habitat.

You can see great photos of this year's Tempe Cares project on Facebook at www.facebook.com/tempeleadership.



Tempe Community Chorus Spring Concert

The Tempe Community Chorus, with more than 100 voices singing four-part harmony, brings the power and variety of a big-chorus sound to the Valley on Sunday, June 1, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway. There will be a wide selection of music from jazz, to pop, to Broadway, so bring the family and support your hometown, nonprofit chorus. Tickets are \$10 for ages 12 and up. A \$3 service fee is applied to online purchases. For further information, visit www.tempecommunitychorus.org or TCA at www.tempe.gov/tca or by phone 480-350-2822.

SummerARTs at Corona del Sol

Open to all students entering 6th-12th grades, SummerARTs is an opportunity for students to explore their artistic sides! There are workshops in visual arts, performing arts, dance and music throughout the month of June. Students can sign up for full day, half day or single block classes, so it fits your summer schedule! For more information, contact Megan Knight at summerarts@tempeunion.org or Monika Gutierrez at mgutierrez@tempeunion.org.

Tempe Library brings author of Holocaust survivor's memoir for discussion

Author Valerie Foster discusses her memoir of Holocaust survivor Helen Handler at 6:30 p.m. on June 5. Foster, an Irish-Catholic public school teacher, takes us on a compelling journey through her complex relationship with Handler, a Jewish survivor of Auschwitz, who challenges her to listen as she bares her soul about one of history's greatest atrocities. More than a Holocaust memoir, *The Risk of Sorrow* is an intimate conversation between two women of different generations and cultures who examine deep questions of faith, forgiveness, love and survival, and find a profound friendship in their mutual exploration. This event is free to attend. No registration is required. Get more information at www.tempe.gov/library or call 480 350-5500. The library is located at 3500 S. Rural Road.

Festival commemorates Emancipation

Tempe will host its own "Juneteenth" festival on Friday, June 20, from 6-8 p.m. at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave. Juneteenth is an American festival that commemorates June 19, 1865, when slaves were emancipated in Texas. The day is also celebrated throughout America to honor African American heritage and to remember the lives of slaves. The family festival will include food and music, an 1865-era costume show, McGruff the Crime Dog, a scavenger hunt, a skit, poetry and more.

The mission of the Tempe History Museum African American Advisory Committee is to create a forum, to collect and preserve the African American history of Tempe, and to promote those stories for the benefit of the community. The Tempe History Museum is a center where the community comes together to explore Tempe's past, share its present and imagine its future.